



## Website of the month

Converse & Co. [www.converse.com.au/nowfe/](http://www.converse.com.au/nowfe/) is the online newspaper of Women in Adult and Vocational Education. Three columns headed News, Articles and Opinions provide brief teasers to a frequently updated collection of articles. The site implements its stated values combining simplicity of technology, usability and critical content.

## Adult Learners Week's new Patron

We are pleased to announce that Australia's next Governor-General Archbishop Peter Hollingworth will be the new Patron of Adult Learners' Week. Posters, pamphlets, bookmarks, award forms and other ALW materials are being mailed this week. The 2001 ALW site [www.adultlearnersweek.org](http://www.adultlearnersweek.org) will be online in mid May.

## Campaign for lifelong learning

*Lifelong Learning: investing in a better society*, ALA's policy and funding proposal for the Federal election was released today. Accompanied by a lobbying guide, it is available at [www.ala.asn.au/agenda2001](http://www.ala.asn.au/agenda2001) The guide will help adult learning organisations, educators and learners to make lifelong learning a key issue in this year's election.

## Learning Leaders Program

Reminder applications close 25 May. Apply now, for this great opportunity. More at [www.ala.asn.au/pages/leadersprog.html](http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/leadersprog.html)

## ALA Conference 2001

Place and the ecology of learning  
27 - 30 September 2001, Gagadju Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru, NT. For the early bird fee, pay by 31 May.  
[www.ala.asn.au/conf/register.html](http://www.ala.asn.au/conf/register.html)

## Discovering Democracy – through ACE

The first of two ALA learning circles on civics and citizenship 'The Governance of Australia' is finally out. This kit supports discussions on Federation and the Federal Elections. The kit is free, with a small fee for postage. Contact Mary Hannan on 02 6251 9889 or [m.hannan@learningcircles.org.au](mailto:m.hannan@learningcircles.org.au).

## New Learning Communities

Australia's first Learning Shire was recently proclaimed in South Gippsland, while Lithgow can lay claim to be the first Learning City in NSW. More at [www.ala.asn.au/learningcities/mailarchive/](http://www.ala.asn.au/learningcities/mailarchive/).

## Two Weeks in May

-- Neighbourhood House Week 6-12 May.

-- Australian Library and Information Week 14-20 May 2001 More at Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) [www.alia.org.au/alw/](http://www.alia.org.au/alw/).

## Australian Qualifications Framework Advisory Board

Georgiana Poulter is ALA's rep on AQFAB. The first 2001 meeting is in late May. Contact Georgiana about raising issues [g.poulter@mailbox.uq.edu.au](mailto:g.poulter@mailbox.uq.edu.au)

## Networking the Nation

Four funding rounds in 2001 offer over \$400 million under this Commonwealth grants program. It is for not-for-profit organisations to support activities and projects to address telecommunications needs in regional, rural and remote Australia. More at [www.dcita.gov.au/rtif.html](http://www.dcita.gov.au/rtif.html)

## Two state ACE conferences in May

-- ACE Vic Annual Conference, Ballarat, 17-19 May. Minister, Lynne Kosky will be a key speaker. More at [www.ala.asn.au/calendar/index.html](http://www.ala.asn.au/calendar/index.html).

-- NSW ACE Conference, Mudgee, 24-25 May. Theme - Attitude, Collaboration, Enterprise. Contact Glennis Brooking [saec@shoalhaven.net.au](mailto:saec@shoalhaven.net.au)

## New ALA publications & video

*View 2000* compiles Adult Learning Commentaries from 2000; *Agenda for the Future* ALW 2000 Conference papers; and a ALW 2000-01 video. Buy at [www.ala.asn.au/pubs.html](http://www.ala.asn.au/pubs.html)

## Mailing lists & book reviews

From time to time we receive requests to use our membership lists to distribute information. Please note that we NEVER pass on the ALA member list to anybody outside ALA.

Occasionally we receive books for review. If you would like to be a reviewer for ALA please contact me at [tony.brown@ala.asn.au](mailto:tony.brown@ala.asn.au)

## Can you get to Jamaica?

The ICAE World Congress is in Jamaica in August. ALA is entitled to two delegates. If you would like to be one and can get yourself to Jamaica please nominate by 30 May. Contact Tony Brown. More at [www.ala.asn.au/pages/ICAE101.html](http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/ICAE101.html)

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